

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2-20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,291,324, issued to Lescot, et al. ("Lescot"). However, the Examiner stated that the double patenting rejection can be overcome by timely filing a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c). Applicants are concurrently filing a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all the claims, namely claims 2-20, are in condition for allowance. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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